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Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 through §1.98 and pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, Applicants respectfully bring the following documents cited in the Japanese Office Action in a counterpart foreign application and listed on the attached form PTO-1449, to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application. Further, English-language abstracts are attached to the references.

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In compliance with the requirements of 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3), machine translations of the references are attached.

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